

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Jerome Curry, and Betty Ann Brown,)	C/A No. 0:10-522-HFF-PJG
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
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Charleston County Police Department;)	
Charleston County Probation and Parole; and)	
Officer Clayton Mood,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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The plaintiffs, proceeding *pro se*, brought this action seeking relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On November 15, 2010, the defendants filed a motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 68.) By order of this court filed November 16, 2010, pursuant to Roseboro v. Garrison, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975), the plaintiffs were advised of the dismissal and summary judgment procedures and the possible consequences if they failed to respond adequately. (ECF No. 69.)

Notwithstanding the specific warning and instructions set forth in the court's Roseboro order, the plaintiffs failed to respond to the motion. As the plaintiffs are proceeding *pro se*, the court filed a second order on January 4, 2011, advising the plaintiffs that it appeared to the court that they were not opposing the motion and wished to abandon this action, and giving the plaintiffs an additional fourteen (14) days in which to file their response to the defendants' motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 76.) The plaintiffs were specifically warned that if they failed to respond, this action would be recommended for dismissal with prejudice for failure to prosecute. See Davis v. Williams, 588 F.2d 69, 70 (4th Cir. 1978); Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). Despite this second warning, the plaintiffs

still did not respond.¹ Therefore, the plaintiffs meet all of the criteria for dismissal under Chandler Leasing Corp. v. Lopez, 669 F.2d 919 (4th Cir. 1982).²

RECOMMENDATION

Accordingly, it is recommended that this action be dismissed with prejudice for lack of prosecution. See Davis, 558 F.2d at 70; Ballard v. Carlson, 882 F.2d 93, 95 (4th Cir. 1989) (stating that magistrate judge's prior explicit warning that a recommendation of dismissal would result from the plaintiff failing to obey his order was proper grounds for the district court to dismiss the suit when the plaintiff did not comply despite the warning), cert. denied sub nom, Ballard v. Volunteers of America, 493 U.S. 1084 (1990); Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). In light of the court's recommendation, the court further recommends that any pending motions (ECF No. 68) be terminated.



Paige J. Gossett
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

January 24, 2011
Columbia, South Carolina

The parties are referred to the Notice Page attached hereto.

¹ The court notes that the mailing containing this order was returned as undeliverable. (See ECF No. 78.) The court further observes that the plaintiffs were specifically advised of their obligation to keep the court apprised of their current address and the consequences of failing to do so. (See ECF No. 19.)

²They are personally responsible for proceeding in a dilatory fashion, the defendants are suffering prejudice by continuing to have these claims clouding their careers and continuing to incur legal expenses, and no sanctions appear to exist other than dismissal given the previous warnings and extensions provided. Chandler Leasing Corp., 669 F.2d at 920.

Notice of Right to File Objections to Report and Recommendation

The parties are advised that they may file specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation with the District Judge. Objections must specifically identify the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objections are made and the basis for such objections. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

Specific written objections must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the date of service of this Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); see Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a), (d). Filing by mail pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 may be accomplished by mailing objections to:

Larry W. Propes, Clerk
United States District Court
901 Richland Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Failure to timely file specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation will result in waiver of the right to appeal from a judgment of the District Court based upon such Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); Wright v. Collins, 766 F.2d 841 (4th Cir. 1985); United States v. Schronce, 727 F.2d 91 (4th Cir. 1984).